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SUBJ: MOSCOW SECONDS CYPRIOT DECISION TO GO TO UN

1. SUMMARY. IZVESTIYA'S COMMENTARY (SEPT 16) STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO PLACE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BEFORE THE 30TH SESSION OF THE UNGA. THE AUTHOR, B. VLADIMIROV, STATES THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO IMPLEMENT THE SOVIET UNION'S INITIATIVE AND CONVENE AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS
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WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN. HE ADDS THAT THE USSR

SUPPORTS PRESIDENT MAKARIOS' ALLEGED CALL FOR "THE EVACUATION OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE ISLAND AND FOR ITS DEMILITARIZATION." END SUMMARY.

2. MOSCOW'S DECLARATION OF SUPPORT WAS FORESHADOWED BY A STRAIGHT-FORWARD REPORT (IZVESTIYA, SEPT. 12) OF THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO TAKE THE PROBLEM TO THE U.N., AND BY ANOTHER ARTICLE (PRAVDA, SEPT. 15) REPORTING AKEL'S BLESSING OF THE CHANGES OF VENUE. VLADIMIROV CITES "CYPRIOT" STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY WANT "TO BROADEN THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UN." HE QUOTES THE CYPRIOT NEWSPAPER HARVAGHI THAT IT IS THE PROPER MOMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE SOVIET INITIATIVE CALLING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN. VLADIMIROV ADDS THAT "PROGRESSIVE CIRCLES" IN CYPRUS CONSIDER THIS SOVIET INITIATIVE THE "KEY LINK" IN ESTABLISHING A PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

3. VLADIMIROV CITES MAKARIOS' STATEMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS OPPOSES "EFFORTS TO LIQUIDATE THE POSITIVE ROLE OF THE UN" IN SEEKING A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, AS WELL AS "IN THE CYPRIOTS' STRUGGLE FOR THE EVACUATION OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE ISLAND AND FOR ITS DEMILITARIZATION." VLADIMIROV DECLARES THAT THE SOVIET UNION AS WELL AS OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND PROGRESSIVE SOCIETIES SUPPORT THIS POSITION.

4. IN A SOMEWHAT ENIGMATIC BLAST, VLADIMIROV CLAIMS THAT "THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE REJECT INSINUATIONS MADE BY OPPONENTS OF A FREEDOM-LOVING CYPRUS WHO ARE TRYING TO CAST SUSPICION ON THE POSITION OF THE USSR." HE EMPHASIZES THE LONG-STANDING SOVIET SUPPORT FOR AN INDEPENDENT CYPRUS, AND HE THROWS IN MAKARIOS' EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO BREZHNEV IN HELSINKI.

5. CLOSING ON THE UPBEAT, VLADIMIROV SAYS "THE NEW FAVORABLE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN EUROPE" IS A POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN SEEKING AN "IMMEDIATE" RESOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS--BOTH GREEK AND

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6. A SMALL ARTICLE IN PRAVDA (SEPTEMBER 18) AGAIN RAISES MOSCOW'S BOGEYMAN OF NATO EXPLOITATION OF THE CYPRUS SITUATION. IN REPLAYING AN ALLEGED DECLARATION BY DENKTASH RE HIS INTENTION TO DECLARE AN INDEPENDENT TURKISH-CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT, PRAVDA SAYS THE RESULTS OF SUCH AN ACTION WOULD BE THE "DIVISION OF CYPRUS AND ITS USE IN THE INTERESTS

OF THE NATO MILITARY BLOC."

7. COMMENT: MOSCOW'S RESURRECTION OF ITS EARLIER PROPOSAL AIMED AT BROADENING INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IS AGAIN ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE SOVIETS GROWING USE OF MULTILATERAL FORA AS VEHICLES FOR ENTRY INTO AREAS WHERE THE USSR'S LEVERAGE IS BASICALLY LIMITED.

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